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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Kaoru HOSHIDE et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3677**

Application Number: **10/809,938**

Examiner: **Mark T. Vogelbacker**

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For: **RETRACTING APPARATUS, DRAWER APPARATUS  
AND SLIDING DOOR APPARATUS**

Attorney Docket Number: **042285**

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 3, 2005

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated October 4, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species III. It is believed that claims 8-13 read on the elected species. Applicants reserve their rights to file Divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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